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BAKTI DONATES RM555,500 TO CHARITY

KUALA LUMPUR, July 18 (Bernama) -- The Association of Wives of Ministers and Deputy Ministers (Bakti) today donated a total of RM555,500 towards several welfare projects.

Of the amount \$500,000 was for the treatment of 30 AIDS patients. Bakti Vice Chairman acting Prime Minister's wife Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail handed over a cheque for the amount to the Chairman of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir at Sri Perdana here.

Puan Zarina Sultan, 34, of Kampung Baru here received RM5,500 for the medical expenses of her eldest son Mohamad Zanel Ibrahim, 10, who is suffering from Thalassemia.

Bakti also donated RM50,000 to the "Regional Steering Committee On the Economic Advancement of Rural and Island Women, Asia Pacific" (RSC-AP) which was striving to eradicate poverty among rural women in the Asia-Pacific region. The cheque for the amount was received by the Secretary-General of the National Unity and Social Development Ministry Datuk Zainol Arif.

The RSC-AP will organise a workshop in Sungai Petani from Aug 2 to 9.

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